

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY and TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
of the CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 4, 2006

ATTENDANCE: COUNCILMEMBERS: VALLE, PIVIROTTI, LYONS,
and COUNCIL PRESIDENT AYALA (*sat in to make a quorum*)

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBER: HOLLOWAY, GOMES,

OTHER(s): ASSOCIATE CITY ATTORNEY HOWLETT,
KELLY McDERMOTT, CENTRAL GRANTS OFFICE; FIRE
CHIEF BRIAN ROONEY

Councilmember Valle called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**02-05 Application with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Fire
Prevention and Safety Education Grant “Fire Stopper” Program**

Ms. McDermott explained this was a grant application in conjunction with the fire department through the Federal Emergency Agency Program that they were working on with the Red Cross. It's a comprehensive educational program that targets youth in elementary schools with supplement for fire safety at each elementary school. They will host a fire prevention day with a variety of activities that will promote awareness of fire safety; the information will then be brought home to the parents. To they will have a smoke trailer set up to simulate what a real fire feels like, with a component of how to escape a fire and the proper precautions to take. She further explained that although they will use artificial smoke, it will be a good experience for preparation in the event of a real fire. The total funding for the program is \$80k and there is no match by the city. They contracted with the Red Cross to provide curriculum training and the majority of the budget is through the fire department.

Council President Ayala commented that it was a good opportunity to also do something with seniors. Fire Chief Rooney said that was part of the plan and they plan to extend the program to other communities in the future.

Council President Ayala asked why the high schools wouldn't participate in the program. Ms. McDermott said the curriculum was geared toward kindergarten through 8th grades.

Council member Piviotto agreed that a senior program would be great also.

Council member Pivirotto asked if the artificial smoke could be harmful to kids with asthma. Ms. McDermott said the smoke was non-toxin, but if they found that a child has asthma, then the smoke wouldn't be used.

Attorney Howlett asked if the program details had been presented to the City Attorney's office yet. Ms. McDermott went on to say that when the grant was awarded, the matter would get turned over to the City Attorney's office.

Attorney Howlett asked then if there would be a problem getting approval from the health director. Ms. McDermott said no, she was aware of the program.

Ms. McDermott said they would train the teachers on the curriculum, but CPR would be an additional part of the program.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA MOVED TO APPROVE TO FILE THE APPLICATION**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTI SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent Calendar**

14-05 Request that streetlights be installed on Hallet Street on pole numbers 870, 11175 and 11176

Attorney Howlett said that the United Illuminating information hadn't been received yet and they need the pricing information first. But they had a preliminary look and found that one pole would be okay with a higher wattage. However, they also found with the inspection that out of the three (3) poles, they would do the pole in the middle at a higher wattage. But again, they need the pricing before they can move forward.

Council member Ayala updated for the new council member present that new housing was going up at the former Father Panik Village site. There is a second wave of new housing and the lighting issue concerned the poles on Hallett Street where there is no lighting currently. So the suggested recommendations will be made by George Estrada and a lighting expert.

**** COUNCILMEMBER AYALA MOVED TO TABLE**
**** COUNCILMEMBER PIVIROTTI SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ADJOURNED

**** COUNCILMEMBER AYALA MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COUNCILMEMBER PIVIROTTI SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 7, 2006**

ATTENDANCE: Maria Valle, Chairperson; Andre Baker; Michelle Lyons; Elaine Pivrotto.

STAFF: Mark Anastasi, City Attorney.

OTHERS: Kelly McDermott, Grants writer.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by the Chair.

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 1, 2005 &
JANUARY 4, 2006**

- ** COUNCILMEMBER VALLE MOVED APPROVAL.**
- ** COUNCILMEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**1405 – REQUEST THAT STREETLIGHTS BE INSTALLED ON HALLET
STREET ON POLE NUMBERS 870, 11175 AND 11176**

Committee members reviewed the reports. John Cottell had recommended that lights be installed on every other pole and wattage increased, to be consistent. Attorney Anastasi recommended approval of Mr. Cottell's request.

Extensive discussion took place. Attorney Anastasi suggested that Mr. Cottell be invited to a meeting to explain the methodology of installing street lights.

The Chair noted that this was an area of heavy crime in the past.

- ** COUNCILMEMBER PIVROTTA MOVED TO ACCEPT THE
RECOMMENDATION OF MR. COTTELL.**
- ** COUNCILMEMBER BAKER SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

This item will go on the City Council consent calendar.

**32-05 – PETITION REQUEST FOR A WAIVER OF SIDEWALKS IN REGARD
TO THE SUBDIVISIONS AND ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE
AT EVERS STREET**

This item was withdrawn.

**40-05 – HOMELAND SECURITY, COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT DIRECT
ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM (PEAC SOFTWARE)**

Ms. McDermott presented an application under the CDAC program. The City would receive free equipment to test out certain programs. The software allows firefighters and emergency personnel to put symptoms displayed into it and it will come up with the correct way to handle the problem. They will receive one hand-held device with software and a one-year license.

The Chair inquired about subcontractors. Ms. McDermott said that was not applicable.

Councilmember Lyons asked if this equipment could be used for a disaster situation in the City and Ms. McDermott responded affirmatively.

- ** COUNCILMEMBER PIVIROTTI MOVED APPROVAL.**
- ** COUNCILMEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

41-05 – SAFE ASLEEP GRANT PROGRAM EXTENSION

Ms. McDermott said this is to provide families with children and the elderly with installed smoke detectors. They are at a rate of 450 installations per month. This is a federal grant that would provide up to \$145,000 to extend this program for five years. There would be five target communities in the City, focusing on a different area each year. 5,000 detectors would be installed in each area. No match is required from the City.

- ** COUNCILMEMBER BAKER MOVED TO APPROVE.**
- ** COUNCILMEMBER PIVIROTTI SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

42-05 – PREPAREDNESS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES GRANT

This item was withdrawn at Ms. McDermott's request.

- ** COUNCILMEMBER PIVIROTTI MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
- ** COUNCILMEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Telesco
Telesco Secretarial Services

Public Safety & Transportation Committee
February 7, 2006
Page 2

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY and TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MARCH 8, 2006

ATTENDANCE: COUNCILMEMBERS: VALLE, LYONS, BAKER, PIVIROTTTO

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: BLUNT, COLON, HOLLOWAY

Councilmember Valle called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Approval of Committee Minutes February 7, 2006

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Council member Valle stated that item **#52-05** on the agenda would be taken up first.

52-05 Appointment off Doris Gaskin (D) to the Fire Commission

Council member Valle stated that they had the Mayor's information for review.

Ms. Gaskins approached the committee.

Council member Pivirotto expressed that she was happy to see Ms. Gaskin considered for the position. She thought she would be a marvelous addition to the fire commission. She further noted that Ms. Gaskin had a business in Council member Baker's district. She said she wholeheartedly approved of the appointment and was glad to see her get involved to make a difference.

Council member Valle said that Ms. Gaskin was replacing the seat previously held by Betty Lourde. She noted Ms. Gaskin term would expire on January 1, 2008.

Council member Valle welcomed Ms. Gaskin to the fire commission. She noted all the pertinent documents would be forwarded to the Mayor.

A visitor from the Bridgeport Federation of Women presented Ms. Gaskin with a bouquet of flowers. There was applause for the honor.

Council member Baker stated that he knew Ms. Gaskin as a business person in his district. He said she has always been part of the community, as well as being informative and kind. He expressed that he thought she would serve her appointment well.

**** COUNCILMEMBER BAKER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE
APPOINTMENT OF D. GASKIN TO THE FIRE COMMISSION
** COUNCILMEMBER PIVIROTTI SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent Calendar**

51-05 Application with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Fire Prevention and Safety Education Grant Program (Fire Stoppers)

Ms. Kelly McDermott of the Central Grants office approached. She said this item concerned an amendment to the resolution that was previously approved. The item was sent to the city council on December 5, 2005 and approved. But the amendment was subject to change for the language contained in one of the lines to purchase a burn trailer to run simulation fires. **It was noted the line should read: *for the purpose of implementing a fire stoppers program.*** She noted the amendment had been submitted to correct and add the language. Council member Valle noted that she had the correction.

Council member Baker asked how the program would be run. Ms. McDermott said the program would be taken to various schools and the community. The trailer has a kitchen and bedroom that creates artificial smoke. The simulation will teach a person how to safely exit a fire. She said that each school will have a visit to implement the educational component.

Council member Valle asked if there was any cost to the city. Ms. McDermott said no.

Council member Baker asked if there would be special firefighters assigned to the program. Ms. McDermott said they would contract with the American Red Cross and there will be two firemen assigned to the program. The program is run overall by the Bridgeport Fire Department. But they will have trained persons with the kids.

Council member Baker asked if the firefighters were doing the program as overtime. Ms. McDermott said no, the program is an addition to their regular duties.

**** COUNCILMEMBER PIVIROTTI MOVED TO APPROVE THE
AMENDED RESOLUTION TO REFLECT THE CORRECTED
LANGUAGE SUBMITTED
** COUNCILMEMBER LYONS SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***It was noted that Council member Valle would submit the amended resolution to the City Clerk's office.**

***Consent Calendar**

57-05 Supplemental Agreement Consultant Engineering Services for replacement of Bridge No. 015007 Cleveland Avenue Bridge over Rooster River Bridgeport, Connecticut Construction Inspection Services State Project No. 135-235

Mr. Barry Skinner stated that this item and item #68-05 had similar circumstances. Both concerned bridges that have reached the point of design phase. And the construction phase will be next. He said they needed approval to get a consultant to begin the phases. So they needed to amend the contract for \$86k, noting that one-third of that amount would be reimbursed by the state under the local bridge program. He noted that the Mayor needed to authorize the agreement.

Council member Pivrotto asked if the amount was budgeted money. Mr. Skinner said yes, the money was in the capital projects budget and it was already bonded.

Council member Baker asked how long the project would take to complete. Mr. Skinner said the project actually began five years ago, but if they get the project out to bid soon, the construction phase for the Cleveland Avenue Bridge will take approximately seven months.

Council member Baker asked if the rate would stay the same once the project begins. Mr. Skinner said they did the best they could with estimates, but they couldn't be exactly sure until they go out to bid, however, he didn't expect the project would be more.

**** COUNCILMEMBER PIVIROTTO MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCILMEMBER BAKER SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent Calendar**

68-05 Amendment to Contract for Professional Services City of Bridgeport, Town of Fairfield and STV, Inc. – Brewster Street Bridge Reconstruction Original Agreement dated 1/23/2002

Mr. Skinner said this project was 50% in Fairfield and 50% in Bridgeport. The local bridge program was contacted to apply for the funds up to one-third of the cost and he

believed the application would be approved. He said there was more detailed work involved in this project because they were replacing the deck the costs are broken down as follows:

- One-third > Bridgeport will pay
- One-third > State of Connecticut will pay
- One-third > Fairfield will pay

He went on to say they need to get final approval from Fairfield and then they can proceed with the project. The project will take approximately 8 to 9 months to complete. He said they were asking for the Mayor's authorization.

Council member Pivrotto asked if this project was where they were building the new train station. Mr. Skinner said yes, it's located around the corner on the Fairfield side.

Council member Pivrotto questioned if there would be heavy equipment going back & forth. Mr. Skinner said there wouldn't be any monitoring of when the equipment travels back and forth, but if there are changes, he will be notified of them.

Council member Pivrotto asked if Fairfield took the initiative on this project. Mr. Skinner said every year; the state looks at bridges throughout the state and rates them according to age and other factors. This bridge has shown deficiencies for a long time, but the project replaces the top section of the deck, called the super section, they won't be rebuilding the entire bridge.

Council member Baker asked who would be responsible if something happened to the bridge. Mr. Skinner said there haven't been any instances of that happening in the past. There has been work done to the bridge previously and Fairfield took care of their side and Bridgeport took care of their side. But again, they were just replacing the top of the bridge and both towns decided to share the cost.

**** COUNCILMEMBER PIVROTTA MOVED TO APPROVE**
**** COUNCILMEMBER BAKER SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent Calendar**

66-05 Grant Application with the State of Connecticut Judicial Branch, Office off Victim Services for funds to provide services to victims of crime in Bridgeport (Victim Assistance Program)

Ms. McDermott said her office was working on this application with Maureen Harris, Director/Victim's Assistance /PD. The program has been in existence since 1999 for victims of Bridgeport that have been affected by various types off crimes, such as homicide, robberies, arson etc. The participation rate is 1,300 residents. She explained

this was the first police based program in Connecticut with many advocates involved and four staff people.

Ms. Harris said the program consisted of court based advocates who are survivors of homicide that need counseling, financial assistance and psychological counseling. The program pays the victims up to \$40k towards funeral costs and up to \$15k for assaults. They work closely with court advocates and they have a quick turnaround in addressing assaults. Ms. McDermott added there was a direct link to people to get them the services they need in an expeditious manner and to distribute funds they may need in an emergency.

Ms. McDermott said the funding was through the State of Connecticut for a state allocation off \$91,254 that is in-kind. And with that portion allocated, the program will come up with a certain amount also. She noted they will use two part-time volunteers. She further noted the program is a priority of the police department as an extension off the gang awareness program.

Ms. Harris noted that one aspect of the program was outreach to the undocumented community.

Council member Pivrotto said she wholeheartedly supported the program. She noted that her job was issuing restraining orders to victims and she shared that she had a client that was a domestic violence victim that had to go to the police station to fill out the report. She expressed that she wished there was another way to handle that. Ms. Harris said their program didn't handle domestic violence or sexual assault issues. They are not allowed to impinge on another agency's area; those issues are handled by a different agency.

Council member Pivrotto commented that it would be good if the program could visit domestic violence victims, rather than them having to go to the police station.

Council member Lyons asked about the gang awareness program. She noted that she witnessed a lot kids in schools that are gang related. She thought it would be good to offer the program to curb the growing epidemic because many need help. She stressed there was an overall fear of losing youth to gang violence.

Council member Baker said he was aware of the victims program through the nature of his business. He said he found that the program worked well. He asked if the grant was for a satellite office. Ms. McDermott said no, the funding would be to continue support of the program.

Council member Baker asked if the grant would be used to pay victims. Ms. McDermott replied no, the money was to help run the program.

Council member Baker asked how long the program would be funded for. Ms. McDermott said it would be funded for one year and the application would be resubmitted six months later.

Council member Valle commented that it was a great program and that Maureen Harris did a great job. She recalled incidences of families who have suffered emotional turmoil due to a crime, noting that Ms. Harris has been very instrumental getting families through a crisis.

**** COUNCILMEMBER PIVIROTTI MOVED TO APPROVE**
**** COUNCILMEMBER LYONS SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent Calendar**

67-05 Grant Application with the US Department of Justice, Bureau off Justice Assistance, Gang Awareness and Education Training Grant Program for funds to implement the GREAT Program in Bridgeport

Ms. McDermott stated that the GREAT program was to enforce gang resistance education and training. The federal program releases funds every year and the funding will provide monies to address gang related issues. They will work with five schools and security officers will be trained for the elementary grades and summer school camp program where the parents will also participate. They were looking to get a handle on the following schools:

- o Marin School
- o Curial School
- o Roosevelt School
- o Longfellow School
- o Blackham School

The officers will be trained by the federal government. There will also be a middle school component where they will reach approximately 1,200 students throughout the schools. She noted the students will be trained in conflict resolution. It's a very intensive program and the sessions will last for one hour. The second component will be at the elementary schools for 4th and 5th graders; they will reach (670) students. It's a 6-week program. There will be a third family component and three officers will attend additional training to implement the program. She pointed out that students and families apply for participation in the program and they will be selected based on need. It will be a small group setting that will cover how parents can talk to their kids about other kids. There will be two, four week sessions with eight officers. This will consist of a full day and full week doing team building and taking field trips to bond with the kids and instill

positive re-enforcement. The grant is for \$39,050 with federal funds to be matched with \$8,000 in-kind. Funding will pay the overtime salaries for police officers, supplies, the summer curriculum component, the family component and travel for the officers.

Council member Valle asked if the family component needed to be applied for. Ms. McDermott said yes, unless they are selected by the project coordinator.

Council member Valle asked if she meant that for the kids in the elementary or middle schools, there will be an additional 20 to 30 students. Ms. McDermott said the students would be from the selected schools indicated and only ten (10) families will be selected due to the intensity of the program.

Council member Baker asked how they chose the five schools to participate. Ms. McDermott explained the Bridgeport Child Advocacy Program and the Bridgeport Police Department put together a report that highlighted the highest arrests in those districts last year, so they thought the program was most needed in those schools.

Council member Lyons noted that Officer Kenny Jackson had been instrumental working with this program. She further commented that the program should help kids better identify the risks off gang involvement. Lieutenant David Daniels agreed that the program will help kids identify to a larger extent the pitfalls of actually winding up in a gang.

Council member Pivrotto asked if there had been a lot more gang related activity recently. Lieutenant Daniels said there has been a lull in gang activity, but it has been present since the 1980's. And although they have made aggressive attempts to eradicate gang activity and certain ones have been eliminated, what happens is that more gangs start up. So again, gangs are still prevalent, but he felt forming programs such as this could have a positive impact.

**** COUNCILMEMBER BAKER MOVED TO APPROVE**
**** COUNCILMEMBER LYONS SECONDED**

Council member Pivrotto commented that she was happy to see emphasis on community policing.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

ADJOURNED

**** COUNCILMEMBER LYONS MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COUNCILMEMBER BAKER SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
APRIL 4, 2006**

ATTENDANCE: Maria Valle, Chairwoman; Elaine Pivirotto; Andres Ayala, Jr.; Andres Baker; Leticia Colon (6:06 p.m.).

STAFF:

OTHER:

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Valle called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The correction to the minutes of March 8, 2006 is as follows:

On page 7, Councilmember Lyons mentioned Officer Kenny Jackson. Kenny Jackson is not a Police Officer.

**** MR. AYALA MOVED TO HAVE "OFFICER" STRUCK FROM THE RECORD.**

**** MS. PIVIROTTI SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** CHAIRWOMAN VALLE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2006.**

**** MS. PIVIROTTI SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

77-05 REAPPOINTMENT OF ANA L. GARCIA (R) TO THE FIRE COMMISSION

Ms. Pivirotto said she was pleased to hear that Ms. Garcia would like to serve again. Mr. Ayala said that they recently had a difficult time on the Council discussing civil service positions and testing for the Fire Department. It has created some controversy. It seems that there is an overdependence on leaving people in a provisional status. The testing that they want to do seems like it was geared towards particular people. Ms. Garcia said she has not been involved in any of those discussions.

Mr. Ayala said he wholeheartedly supports the reapplication of Ms. Garcia to the Fire Commission. He did ask Ms. Garcia to ask the Commission to look into the provisional status. He said that the City Council voted not to go with the recommendation of the Civil Service to test for the Fire Marshal position. The 30 day window has not lapsed, although there seems to be a discrepancy with when the 30 days began.

**** MR. AYALA MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ANA L. GARCIA TO THE FIRE COMMISSION.**

**** MS. PIVIROTTI SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** MR. AYALA MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** MS. PIVIROTTI SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Marr
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 30, 2006**

ATTENDANCE: Maria Valle, Co-chair; James Holloway, Co-chair, Elaine Pivrotto,

Michelle Lyons, Leticia Colon, Warren Blunt

OTHERS: Assistant Fire Chief T. Connor, Bridgeport Fire Department

CALL TO ORDER

Co-chair Valle called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m. and announced that Council Member Baker was excused from attending.

163-05 Grant Application with the State Department of Transportation, Emergency Vehicle Pre-emption System Equipment for the purpose of installing the OptiComm system at three intersections; Route 1 & Goddard Street, Brook Street, York Street and Lexington Ave.

Assistant Fire Chief Connor briefly reviewed the grant for the OptiComm system and informed the Committee that the Fire Department had applied for and received this grant before. He also distributed copies of a letter that stated the Fire Department would be responsible for their half of the grant. There was a brief discussion regarding the time constraints and grant filing deadlines.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY MOVED TO APPROVE 163-05 - GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, EMERGENCY VEHICLE PRE-EMPTION SYSTEM EQUIPMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING THE OPTICOMM SYSTEM AT THREE INTERSECTIONS; ROUTE 1 & GODDARD STREET, BROOK STREET, YORK STREET AND LEXINGTON AVE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTO SECONDED**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BLUNT SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 6, 2006**

ATTENDANCE: Maria Valle, Co-chair; Leticia Colon, Andres Baker, Elaine Pivrotto,
Michelle Lyons (6:10 p.m.)

OTHERS: Aijaz Syed, OPED Special Project Manager; Michael Nidoh,
OPED Director; Robert Petrucelli, Bpt. Deputy Fire Chief; William Cosgrove, Assistant Fire Marshal; Kelly McDermott, Central Grants Office; Brian Williams, Deputy CAO; Robert Walsh, City Council; Thomas Mulligan, City Council.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Valle called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and announced there was a quorum present.

122-05 Request for (4) four Street Abandonments associated with the New East End Elementary School: Logan Street, Kelsey Street, Alex Street and Hewitt Street.

Mr. Nidoh distributed copies of his report to the Committee Members along with a letter from Attorney Howlett regarding the matter. He then presented the proposed street abandonment and reviewed the plans for the new school with a map included in the Committee's packet of information. Chairwoman Valle commented that she had copies of a letter from the WPCA and a letter from Assistant Fire Chief Conner in favor of this proposal.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTO MOVED TO APPROVE 122-05 REQUEST FOR (4) FOUR STREET ABANDONMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE NEW EAST END ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: LOGAN STREET, KELSEY STREET, ALEX STREET AND HEWITT STREET.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairwoman Valle stated that the issue should be put on the consent calendar.

124-05 Request for Street Abandonment for portion of Hamilton Street associated with the New Barnum Elementary School.

City of Bridgeport
Public Safety and Transportation Committee
Regular Meeting
June 6, 2006
Page 1

Mr. Nidoh presented the proposed street abandonment and reviewed the school plans with the Committee.

Council Member Lyons arrived at 6:10 p.m.

When asked what grades the Barnum Elementary School will provide, Mr. Nidoh replied that both new schools would provide K-8th. Council Member Pivrotto commented that if all goes well, construction should begin at the end of the month.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER. COLON MOVED TO APPROVE 124-05 REQUEST FOR STREET ABANDONMENT FOR PORTION OF HAMILTON STREET ASSOCIATED WITH THE NEW BARNUM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairwoman Valle stated that the issue should be put on the consent calendar.

149-05 Application with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), for funds to purchase 332 units of Personal Protective Equipment (Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program).

Ms. McDermott from the Grants Office presented the proposal for a Federal grant which would enable the Fire Department to replace all the Personal Protective Equipment for the entire department. The present gear is over three years old and there are rips and tears in the material. The grant will require matching funds of \$54,000 from the City, which are already allocated in the Fire Department's budget.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTO MOVED TO APPROVE 149-05 APPLICATION WITH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA), FOR FUNDS TO PURCHASE 332 UNITS OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairwoman Valle stated that the issue should be put on the consent calendar.

150-05 Application with the MetLife Foundation, Wisdom Works Grant Program; Bridgeport "Seniors to Seniors" Project.

Ms. McDermott presented this proposal for a mentoring program between the students and the Seniors to the Committee. She stated that there is much interest on the part of the City of Bridgeport

Public Safety and Transportation Committee

Regular Meeting

June 6, 2006

Page 2

school system and that this program had been developed as part of a focus group. All of the participating seniors would have background checks done on them. The program's goal would be for 35 students and involve 100 seniors, some as counselors and others in administrative roles. The grant would cover all costs and no matching funds would be required from the City.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO APPROVE 150-05 APPLICATION WITH THE METLIFE FOUNDATION, WISDOM WORKS GRANT PROGRAM; BRIDGEPORT "SENIORS TO SENIORS" PROJECT.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTI SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairwoman Valle stated that the issue should be put on the consent calendar.

152-05 Resolution concerning fire safety measures at condominium complexes in Bridgeport.

Council Member Pivrotto explained that she and Council Member Walsh had drafted this resolution following the Coach Light Condominium fire. Chairman Valle asked about the cost to the City. Deputy Fire Marshal Petrucelli commented that the Fire Department was in full support of this proposal. He explained that the Coach Light was built in the 1960's and was one of Bridgeport's first condo units. Since then, the Fire Codes have changed and there are no firewalls or fire stops in the older type of buildings. He also said that Fire Chief Rooney will be speaking with the condo associations about fire safety and possibly requesting that the association bylaws include discouraging the use of barbecue grills on wooded decks.

Council Member Walsh arrived at 6:25 p.m.

Council Member Pivrotto stated that the resolution was in order to authorize the Fire Department to complete a report on the various conditions in the condo units over 25 years old. Council Member Walsh stated that the City would be remiss if they did not investigate what can be done to prevent this situation from happening again and that the City needs the input of the Fire Department.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTI MOVED TO APPROVE 152-05 RESOLUTION CONCERNING FIRE SAFETY MEASURES AT CONDOMINIUM COMPLEXES IN BRIDGEPORT.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairwoman Valle stated that the issue should be put on the consent calendar.

156-05 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the City of Bridgeport for Acquisition of Street Layer Data for the (B EGIS) Program.

Mr. Nidoh presented the proposal and reviewed the various implications for the City regarding this Memo of Understanding. He commented that when a parcel is registered with the City, it is assigned a particular Block #, Plot # and a legal address is established. However, the property owner is free to post his address as he views it. Therefore, when the City sends out tax assessments, a number of them are returned because the legal address does not match the mailing or posted address. When dealing with 911 calls, it is critical to have the correct location of the emergency, and use of this program would allow the City to have temporary access to the State's program for location accuracy. Once the City finishes implementing its own GIS system, the City will not need to use the State information.

Chairwoman Valle asked what this would cost the City. Mr. Nidoh replied that it was free.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO APPROVE 156-05 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS) AND THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT FOR ACQUISITION OF STREET LAYER DATA FOR THE (B EGIS) PROGRAM.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairwoman Valle stated that the issue should be put on the consent calendar.

158-05 Agreement between the City of Bridgeport and URS Corporation, AES for Engineering Services required in conjunction with the design of the Rehabilitation/Replacement of the Congress Street Bridge, (Bridge No. 04251) over the Pequonnock River.

Mr. Williams distributed copies of the contract between the City of Bridgeport and URS Corp, AES regarding the Congress Street Bridge, along with a letter from the City Attorney's office regarding the same. He reported that the City had requested bids and that the results had been in the neighborhood of 40 million. Mr. Williams spoke with the State and there was negotiation between the State and the URS Corp. regarding this project. The cost is now estimated at between 25 to 28 million. Mr. Williams stated that there was 1.5 million in the Capital Budget, along with 10 million which was approved last year from the State.

Council Member Pivirotto expressed concerns regarding whether the State would be supervising this project. Mr. Williams replied that the City would supervise the design phase of the project. He also commented that it has taken a long time to move the project to this point. Council Member Pivirotto asked if minority contractors would be considered. Mr. Williams said that they would. He also stated that the design phase would take between 1 1/2 years to 2 years in order to get all the permits involved, which include the Army Corp of Engineers, the Coast Guard and the DEP, among others.

When asked about the final figures, Mr. Williams reviewed them and concluded by stating that the Bridgeport State Representatives were fully behind this project.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTO MOVED TO APPROVE 158-05 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT AND URS CORPORATION, AES FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES REQUIRED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DESIGN OF THE REHABILITATION/REPLACEMENT OF THE CONGRESS STREET BRIDGE, (BRIDGE NO. 04251) OVER THE PEQUONNOCK RIVER.**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYON SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairwoman Valle stated that the issue should be put on the consent calendar.

ADJOURNMENT

**** CHAIRWOMAN VALLE MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTO SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Service

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 5, 2006**

ATTENDANCE: Maria Valle, Co-chair; Andres Baker, Elaine Pivirotto,
Michelle Lyons (6:10 p.m.)

OTHERS: Rev. Mary A. Lee, John A. O'Malley, Attorney Melanie
Howlett; Council Member Thomas Mulligan, Council
Member Robert Walsh

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Valle called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. and announced there was a quorum present.

Approval of Committee Minutes of May 30, 2006 (Special Meeting) and Approval of Committee Minutes of June 6, 2006

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTI MOVED TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MAY 30, 2006 (SPECIAL MEETING) AND APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 2006.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

167-05 Amendment to Resolution 236-04 From: "MOU with DEMHS" for a Support and Tow Vehicle To: MOU with "State Department of Public Safety" for Support and Tow Vehicle.

A member of the staff explained to the Committee that the State had merged two departments, one of which was formerly known as the Department of Emergency Management Homeland Security. The new State agency is known as the "State Department of Public Safety". Resolution 236-04 now needs to be amended to reflect the State agency name change on the Memo of Understanding (MOU) regarding the support and tow vehicle.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO APPROVE 167-05 - AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 236-04 FROM: "MOU WITH DEMHS" FOR A SUPPORT AND TOW VEHICLE TO: MOU WITH "STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY" FOR SUPPORT AND TOW VEHICLE.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairwoman Valle asked the item be put on the consent calendar.

168-05 Reappointment of John A. O'Malley (D) to the Fire Commission.

Mr. O'Malley introduced himself to the Commission. In answer to why he wished to continue on the Fire Commission, he stated that he felt that things were changing in the department and problems were being resolved. He stated that he was a firm supporter of filling vacant positions and having the standardized tests.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO APPROVE 168-05 REAPPOINTMENT OF JOHN A. O'MALLEY (D) TO THE FIRE COMMISSION.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTI SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairwoman Valle asked the item be put on the consent calendar.

140-05 Request that two light poles be installed; one on the corner of Waldemere Avenue and Marina Street and a second on the corner of Broad Street.

Attorney Howlett informed the Committee that there may be a change in the plans with regards to the light poles. A new program has been proposed that would use existing light poles.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO TABLE 140-05 - REQUEST THAT TWO LIGHT POLES BE INSTALLED; ONE ON THE CORNER OF WALDEMERE AVENUE AND MARINA STREET AND A SECOND ON THE CORNER OF BROAD STREET PENDING FURTHER INFORMATION.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTI SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

178-05 Proposed Amendment to Agreement dated July 1, 1997 between the WPCA and the Town of Trumbull.

Attorney Howlett had some serious questions about the procedure regarding this item. Officials from the Town of Trumbull were not present. Attorney Howlett will call the Town of Trumbull and then refile the item in the appropriate manner.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO TABLE 178-05 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT DATED JULY 1, 1997 BETWEEN THE WPCA AND THE TOWN OF TRUMBULL PENDING FURTHER INFORMATION.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

184-05 Middletown-Norwalk Project: Request to install two splice chambers on Railroad Avenue (eastbound) approx. 75 feet east of Wordin Avenue & Martin Terrace approx., 25 feet southeast of Martin Terrace and Rte. 130 (Fairfield Ave).

This item is part of a multiple resolution packet regarding the 345 power line that will be going underground in Bridgeport. Attorney Howlett suggested that the Committee schedule a special meeting so that the entire project can be reviewed with all of the resolutions on the table at the same time rather than passing them piecemeal. She also said that Council Member Holloway has an excellent overview of the process via his job in the Permits Department. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that this matter would be tabled until Wednesday, July 26 at 6 p.m.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO TABLE 184-05 - MIDDLETOWN-NORWALK PROJECT: REQUEST TO INSTALL TWO SPLICE CHAMBERS ON RAILROAD AVENUE (EASTBOUND) APPROX. 75 FEET EAST OF WORDIN AVENUE & MARTIN TERRACE APPROX., 25 FEET SOUTHEAST OF MARTIN TERRACE AND RTE. 130 (FAIRFIELD AVE) UNTIL THE JULY 26TH SPECIAL MEETING AT 6 P.M..**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

186-05 Reappointment of Mary A. Lee (D) to the Fire Commission.

Rev. Lee introduced herself to the Committee and stated that this was her third reappointment to the Commission. Council Member Baker asked if the Fire Commission had taken any action when Fire Chief Rooney was accused of various issues before his swearing in. Rev. Lee stated that the Commission had not been approached by anyone regarding this matter.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO APPROVE 186-05 REAPPOINTMENT OF MARY A. LEE (D) TO THE FIRE COMMISSION.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairwoman Valle asked the item be put on the consent calendar.

192-05 Grant Application with the US Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program.

This item was withdrawn from the agenda via a letter that was submitted from Kelly McDermott to City Clerk Hudson and dated June 29, 2006. *Copies of the letter were distributed to the members of the Committee.*

185-05 Reappointment of Wendy J. Bridgeforth (D) to the Police Commission.

Ms. Bridgeforth was not present at the meeting.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTO MOVED TO TABLE 185-05 -
REAPPOINTMENT OF WENDY J. BRIDGEFORTH (D) TO THE POLICE
COMMISSION.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE of the CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY - JULY 26, 2006**

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Valle, Lyons, Baker, Pivrotto

ABSENT: Council members: Colon, Holloway, Blunt

OTHERS: Council member Mulligan, Mike Nidoh; OPED,
United Illuminating Representatives

ASSOCIATE CITY ATTORNEY: Melanie Howlett

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes – July 5, 2006

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO TABLE UNTIL THE NEXT SCHEDULED
MEETING ON AUGUST 1, 2006
** COUNCIL MEMBER PIVROTTO SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

184-05 Middletown-Norwalk Project:

Request to install two splice chambers on Railroad Avenue (eastbound) approx. 75 feet east of Wordin Avenue & Martin Terrace approx. 25 feet southeast of Martin Terrace and Rte. 130 (Fairfield Ave.)

Attorney Howlett gave some background that this item had to do with the installation of 345 kb lines in Bridgeport. This is a state project and approved by the city council, but below ground lines were requested for Bridgeport, so only a certain number of miles are allowed. She said the route, easement, splicing chamber will be covered. And the project will follow the route requested through the state representatives (*Mr. Nidoh displayed a map of the route*). Attorney Howlett noted that if they put the lines overhead, they would have gone through the middle of the Steel Point project. So the items on the agenda included installation of the splicing chambers (i.e., large manholes); permanent or temporary easements to assist in the construction to place the lines underground, (*Mr. Nidoh orientated on the map where the route would run*).

Mr. Davenport, a UI representative said the depth would vary with the topography, but the average would be 8 feet and no less than 30 inches of coverage along the splicing chambers. But it will go

deeper in the water at approximately 70 ft. It was also noted that the splicing chambers denoted a cable line point at 1,700 feet.

Mr. Cartwright, a CL&P consultant said that with regard to splicing, there will be a minimum of excavation at a depth of 14 feet.

Council member Valle asked how much disruption there would be during construction. Attorney Howlett said they had an approved traffic plan signed off by Mr. Mortessa.

Council member Valle stated since the work would take place between Barnum Avenue and Noble Avenue; she questioned if any of the homes would be affected. Attorney Howlett said no.

Council member Valle asked if there would be any interruption of traffic, noting a concern about possible water cutoff and salt put down. She relayed that this happened at another site where they had major construction going on. She also asked if all the residents in the area would be notified of the construction. Attorney Howlett replied yes; everyone will be notified by a mailing and door notice. Attorney Howlett said there would be a combination of day and night work done throughout the neighborhoods. She also noted, there was no where to divert traffic on Fairfield Avenue, but overall, the area wouldn't be impacted more than a few days at a time. So in terms of timing, how quickly the project is assembled and constructed will affect that.

Council member Lyons recalled that she attended a meeting with Mr. Mortessa and a lot of concerns were answered, as far as impact on the neighborhood etc.

Attorney Howlett noted that they would also receive weekly progress reports.

Council member Pivrotto asked about additional policing during construction. Attorney Howlett said they planned to hire off-duty police officers and United Illuminating will pay the bill.

Council member Baker asked if there would be a cost to the city for the project. Attorney Howlett said no, in fact, the project will bring in revenue. She emphasized that the lines going in generated tax dollars.

Council member Baker asked where the substation was going. Attorney Howlett said the substation was named Singer Substation. Mike Nidoh pointed out on the map that the substation was located near the old baseball field and the old Remington site.

Council member Baker asked the time frame from start to finish. Attorney Howlett said the work began two weeks ago and they are expected to be done by December 2006 for opening the road. A UI representative further responded that the substation construction would begin in six weeks and the underground construction would be done during the year 2007 (*Mr. Nidoh orientated on the map where the route would be for the substation*).

Attorney Howlett noted that the entire street would be repaved. She also commented that the state has been most cooperative in working on this project.

It was clarified by a UI representative that the final road restoration on the state roads wouldn't be done this year, but the temporary restoration would restore the road to be usable.

Council member Pivrotto asked if the underground cable eliminated the overhead wires. The response was no.

Council member Lyons stated that it was also mentioned at the meeting that the road would be fixed up and that they will use hot asphalt for the temporary road, thus allowing use of it.

Council member Baker asked if UI would have to return before the committee for the manhole portion of work. Attorney Howlett said that once the lines were underground, they would then have to see Mr. Holloway to obtain more permits.

Council member Valle asked if announcements would be made on Latino radio stations, notifying people about the construction. It was stated that a letter of notification would be sent two weeks prior to the work to let people know when construction will begin. There will also be door hanger notices in English and Spanish and a toll free number to call with questions. As well as a website indicating up to date construction activities. Attorney Howlett asked if this information has been passed on to Hispanic radio stations. A UI representative acknowledged they would pass on the information to the following radio stations:

- 1450 radio /Cumbre
- radio Amore
- 1530/WDJZ

Mr. Nidoh added they could also advertise on public service cablevision.

Council member Lyons asked if there would be a 24-hour watch at the construction sites, noting the concern for kids and safety. Attorney Howlett said that all the contractors posted a \$500k bond to cover any potential incidents or claims. They also named the City of Bridgeport as an additional insured under their policy.

** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMIOUSLY
*Consent Calendar

206-05 Middletown-Norwalk Project:

Amend Previous and Record Condition for 1 Stratford Avenue, a/k/a Intermodal ("Property") and Subordination of Negative Pledge in favor of the State of Connecticut, to allow use at Utility Easement by U.I.

Attorney Howlett explained there were already restrictions for the use of the easement. The OPED office already put a restriction at the site regarding the type of construction that could be built. Mr. Nidoh pointed out on the map where the Intermodal Center would be going.

Attorney Howlett said they had to amend the land records to allow United Illuminating access to get the wires buried.

Attorney Howlett said so the easement was subject to United Illuminating installing the wires and there is no objection from the state.

** COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTO MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
* Consent Calendar

207-05 Middletown-Norwalk Project:

Amend previous land record condition for 255 Kossuth Street, and Public Access Easement and Conservation Restriction to allow for use of utility easement by U.I.

Attorney Howlett stated this project had a similar restriction for the property located on Kossuth Street. All the duct lines were installed with the splicing chamber. There is a conservation restriction that will give them the ability to excavate and put the lines in.

Council member Lyons asked what a conservation restriction was. Attorney Howlett said it's land set aside that must remain as is, except in this case, because they need to put the lines in. Mr. Nidoh pointed out that the line looked like a spool of conduit (*he presented a drawing to show what it looked like*).

Council member Mulligan asked what would happen, if during construction they are digging and there is found to be polluted soil. Attorney Howlett said the DEP would be called in to determine where it came from. If it was found to be preexisting, then it would be the owner's problem. But if it was found to be new, then it would become a United Illuminating problem. The UI rep added that they have to put back special thermal soil when the excavation is done. He noted that will be done for all the properties.

** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
* Consent Calendar

208-05 Middletown-Norwalk Project:

Approval of Splice Chambers in City Streets; Locations on Noble Avenue and Barnum Avenue

Council member Valle asked what work was entailed for this project. Attorney Howlett said it would consist of the same large manholes where they will connect the fibers in place. It was noted that there will be five (5) splice chambers installed, because every 1500 feet there needs to be a splicing chamber.

It was also noted by a UI representative that approval of the homeowners was in process.

Council member Valle referred to a letter from Barry Skinner. She pointed out one comment in regard to someone's property. Attorney Howlett stated that some of Mr. Skinner's comments weren't appropriate or relative to the project.

Council member Valle questioned the matter of the private easement issue. Attorney Howlett said if the owner didn't voluntarily agree to the easement, then they have the right to take the matter up in court. But private property easements weren't in question tonight. There was an additional response by a UI rep that they had the obligation to reach an agreement on the price with the owner as it related to the easement.

Council member Mulligan asked if they would collect property taxes for the various splicing chambers that are 1500 ft. apart. Attorney Howlett said yes and also for the underground wires.

Council member Mulligan asked if the offer for the easements was given to the owner's. The response was that a copy of the appraisal would be issued to the owner.

Council member Mulligan asked if tonight's votes would include the easement price offers. Attorney Howlett said yes. She said that each price was outlined in the packet of information, denoting the amount offered. She clarified that the figures submitted were for the easements only, not the splicing chambers.

It was noted that the amounts for the easements would be presented as each project was reviewed.

** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTI SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Consent Calendar

212-05 Middletown-Norwalk Project:

United Illuminating Company ("UI") Revised Easement for City-Owned Parcel located at 1 Stratford Avenue ("Intermodal"); (1) Permanent and (1) Temporary

Mr. Nidoh stated this project would be constructed at the old ferry boat junction site on the other side of the railroad tracks.

The dollar value for the easement was quoted as:

- o Permanent easement = \$417,600
- o Negotiated temporary easement = \$6,272 per month – not to exceed 9 months

Council member Mulligan asked what a splicing chamber looked like. The response was that it resembled a manhole cover, noting they would see two of them 25 feet apart.

Council member Valle asked if there was a picture available of the splicing chamber. A UI rep displayed a schematic of a splicing chamber.

Council member Mulligan asked how much property was involved to take up this project. The response was it would take up: 65x17 for each pair in the footprint and it would be 32 ft. long and 10 ft. wide.

Attorney Howlett stated the reason they needed the easement, was because they were asked for it to come out at the water at the location indicated. She reiterated that many accommodations were made by United Illuminating.

Council member Mulligan asked why the easement would come out to the water. Attorney Howlett and Mr. Nidoh explained that they had to cross the water. But all they did was change where they were coming out, noting they needed enough width for future activities. So the waterfront will be maximized for development potential.

Council member Mulligan asked if they were going under the Pequonnock River. Mr. Nidoh said yes. The UI representative noted there would be what's called a horizontal directional grill. It was also noted that once they have everything installed, access would be periodic, approximately every six months. So they don't intend on impeding the area on a regular basis.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTI MOVED TO APPROVE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent Calendar**

216-05 Middletown-Norwalk Project:

Connecticut Light & Power Company ("CL&P") Request for Approval for Temporary Easement over City-Owned Parcel at 40 Cottage Place

Attorney Howlett explained this item was for a temporary easement. The site would be used for staging the construction equipment. She further explained that this property was on the anti-blight list, so they will keep the parcel up while they work there. And UI will be charged \$2,000.00 that will be used to clean up the property. After that, they will flip the property and sell it.

It was clarified that they will not permanently store materials, the easement was only to aid in the construction of the duct bank and they need 5 feet of temporary workspace.

Council member Pivrotto commented that it was an awful narrow street. Council member Valle agreed. Attorney Howlett said that was why they needed the extra parcel in the right of way.

It was stated that notifications would go to all persons living in the area as well as the church.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO APPROVE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTI SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent Calendar**

217-05 Middletown-Norwalk Project:

United Illuminating Company ("UI") Revised Easement Purchase Offer for City-Owned Parcel located at 600 & 700 Main Street ("Harboryard"); (1) Permanent and (1) Temporary Easement

Attorney Howlett explained this was an easement for Harboryard. It consists of a 6-month easement (*she distributed the revised easement agreement*). The dollar amounts were indicated

| | | | |
|-----|--------------------|---|----------|
| as: | Permanent easement | = | \$80,600 |
| | Temporary easement | = | \$3,200 |

Council member Mulligan asked how they arrived at those figures. Attorney Howlett said she went to the city appraiser and got the square footage amount and then she went to the appraiser and had it matched.

Council member Mulligan asked where this project was located in relation to the ball park. Mr. Nidoh said it was near the old Railroad Avenue roadway.

Council member Lyons asked if construction would interfere with Harboryard business. Attorney Howlett assured her it wouldn't.

** COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTA MOVED TO APPROVE

** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED

** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Consent Calendar

218-05 Middletown-Norwalk Project:

Connecticut Light & Power Company Easement Purchase Offer for City-Owned Parcel located at 2705 Fairfield Avenue & 476 Lafayette Street; (1) Permanent and (1) Temporary Easement

Attorney Howlett explained this project involved two parcels, one located at the Black Rock Library that she said was under construction. And the other parcel on Lafayette Street. Council member Mulligan disagreed that construction had begun at the library yet. Attorney Howlett mentioned that the plan was approved two weeks ago.

The amounts for this project were outlined as follows:

| | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|---|----------|
| o 476 Lafayette Street | Permanent easement | = | \$29,600 |
| | Temporary easement | = | \$1,600 |

It was noted by a UI rep that they agreed to the higher counter offer value.

Mr. Nidoh pointed out the project was located near the substation where Lafayette Boulevard turns into Lafayette Street.

Attorney Howlett reviewed the project at 2705 Fairfield Avenue. She said information was sent to the library board due to a statute, outlining that if the city council creates a library board, they should have control over the usage and grounds of a property. But there was a primary concern of what would happen, if getting access to the manholes affected people going to the library. But for

normal maintenance and access, they have to be able to get in and out. However, the library board felt that if they were denied access for some reason, they thought that their salaries and damages should be paid by United Illuminating, but that can't be done. The statute reads that the city through ordinances; enforces any violation of land from person to person. And the city council has the power to decide the terms if the easement agreement is violated. So she unequivocally let the library board know that United Illuminating won't pay any salaries or damages.

Council member Baker asked if this building was an historic site. Mr. Nidoh said he wasn't sure, noting that if they were altering the exterior of the building that might be a question, but they weren't.

Council member Mulligan asked what portion of the library property were the manholes located. Mr. Nidoh pointed out the area on the map.

** COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTI MOVED TO APPROVE

** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED

** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

* Consent calendar

❖ *Attorney Howlett stated that correct versions of all the documents would be submitted to the Mayor's office for his sign off.*

ADJOURNED

** COMMISSIONER LYONS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN

** COMMISSIONER BAKER SECONDED

** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE of the CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY - AUGUST 1, 2006**

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Valle, Lyons, Baker, Pivrotto, Holloway, Blunt, Colon

OTHERS: Council members: Curwen, Mulligan, Walsh, Police Chief Norwood, Mike Nidoh, Dave Lysak; Rose-Tiso & Company, Pete Harrison; WPCA, Joe Lohman, UB, Milo Browley; UB, Attorney Rizio

ASSOCIATE CITY ATTORNEY: Melonie Howlett

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Presentation by Police Chief Bryan T. Norwood regarding Public Safety Plans for the City of Bridgeport

Chief Norwood stated he was present to answer any questions concerning public safety.

Council member Valle asked him what would be done and what was being done in their respective communities per the recent shootings in Bridgeport and how the committee could help.

Chief Norwood stated that he was up against the internal revenue order from a judge in New Haven that limits the amount of rotation component in Bridgeport. The matter also had to do with spirit acts and special units. In short, he said this handcuffs him and he is not able to put square pegs in round holes and vice versa. He explained that they were also down a number of police officers resulting in overtime issues. So he is limited in what they can do. He went on to say there was very little movement they can make that will be progressive for community policing. However, he has reviewed how they will police in the community, noting he would be held accountable for what is done. He pointed out there was an open door policy for subordinates to relay their concerns. He also initiated walking detail in the following communities:

- Marina Village
- P. T. Barnum
- Stratford Avenue
- Trumbull Gardens
- East Main Street

- Park Avenue (certain parts)

But again, overtime is so short that it has an effect on what they can do. He said they would also canvass neighborhoods and talk to the people about their concerns. In doing so, they can address issues in their wake that are going on. He stated that they recently closed the Yellow Bird Café and dealt with the issues that were going on there and there have also been thirty (30) prostitution arrests. He explained that after the Marina Village incident last week, they have dealt with graffiti, blight and trash issues, so their philosophy is to deal with key issues.

Chief Norwood continued and said they would see a consolidation of resources next spring, with assistance from five different police departments, and he hopes to have all of them working under one roof in the near future.

Council member Pivrotto commented that she saw a huge difference with visibility of police officers on the street. She said she has also heard compliments about things the police department was doing.

Council member Pivrotto asked Chief Norwood to give some details about the broken window syndrome and the path of warrior. Chief Norwood said the path of warrior dealt with the learning curve for police officers to deal with people effectively, i.e., problem solving, and not to be perceived just as gun toting police officers. In terms of the broken windows, he said that Marina Village was an example because they experienced varied issues of blight, trash etc., resulting in a very negative environment. But that area is now cleaner than it was and the ultimate goal is to have all the agencies working together to improve conditions further.

Council member Holloway mentioned that he had a friend that lived between Newfield Avenue and Beardsley Street, noting that his house has been shot up numerous times resulting in broken windows. He said he wasn't sure if the shots came from the Yellow Bird Café, but he was glad and appreciated that something had been done about it.

Council member Curwen thanked Chief Norwood for the work he's done, noting that it made the city council's job easier. He gave an example on the east end where they had to call the police for an incident and their demeanor was completely professional. Overall, he said he has heard good things about what good response there has been since he has been police chief. He also expressed Chief Norwood's ability to communicate with the community and the city council members that has resulted in a policy that appears to be successful. He further stressed that quality of life issues have improved.

Council member Walsh stated there has been talk about aggressive techniques by the police in the city. He mentioned incidents of two to three cars pulling someone over and an "in your face" approach. He noted that one incident resulted in seven police cars being called out for one woman who was taken out in handcuffs. He also mentioned that the Brazilian festival could have been likened to a riot and he questioned how this type of incident fit in with the current philosophy. Chief Norwood noted there have been four incidents in the city. He relayed that at the Brazilian festival,

there were at least 6,000 people in attendance, but there were no incidents. However, the Midway was a recipe for disaster and a permit was never signed. As for the Puerto Rican Day Parade, they had 15,000 people in Seaside Park and there was only one incident. This was due to them working in conjunction with different venues that resulted in a lot less police posturing.

Council member Walsh asked about two recent legal issues:

1. The Marina Village incident that involved the prosecutor pointing the finger at the City of Bridgeport.
2. The settlement for the police officer who retired and the investigation by the Mayor.

Chief Norwood responded to the police officer matter, noting that a misdemeanor was overlooked in his pre-employment package. He pointed out that if it was found, the officer wouldn't have been employed. He clarified that the roster was now in compliance. And in terms of OIA, he said this was contingent upon a federal court order mandate.

Council member Walsh asked about going door-to-door in certain districts, where young minorities approach them with police department complaints. He admitted there has been some improvement, but it has to be ongoing. Chief Norwood said that whatever they can do to keep the officers from acting in defensive posturing will be done to improve those relations. He said that one avenue was to get new blood in the police department that will help foster new energy and vigor.

Council member Lyons thanked Chief Norwood for working well with the constituents. She expressed her concern about the methadone clinic upstairs from the Pediatric clinic, in regard to the needle exchange program. Chief Norwood stated there was a level that they couldn't enforce the law of substance abusers as it pertains to the needle exchange program, although this is an issue.

Council member Baker asked what the committee could do to help the police department move forward. Chief Norwood said they could use their influence. Such as approaching organized clergy, to do walks through the neighborhoods to help break down the barrier of animosity towards officers. He stressed that he has had zero luck accomplishing this and has heard excuses that pastors are on vacations etc. He asked the committee members to voice their concern in their own churches and relay to them that the police chief is calling out for help from them.

Council member Valle said there was a struggle on the east side regarding trash issues also. She expressed that she was grateful that the matter was being addressed. She said she would be grateful if they could do walks through the community and approach the youth as a group. Chief Norwood said the clergy has an innate ability to mediate and anticipate anxieties so that's why he thought it was a good idea. He added that there needs to be officer's who know how to talk to people in the community.

Council member Lyons offered to make calls to members of the clergy and elicit help from them. She said she could also assist with gang/drug activity due to her background in that field.

Council member Valle thanked Chief Norwood for attending and speaking to the committee.

178-05 Proposed Amendment to Agreement dated July 1, 1997 between the WPCA and the Town of Trumbull

Council member Curwen gave some background information about the item. He relayed there was a flood problem in the upper east side of Bridgeport called the north end flood control, resulting in erosions in the brooks and streams. He explained that per an agreement with Bridgeport and Trumbull, regarding the addition of affordable housing that Bridgeport had no say in for a 40-unit senior affordable housing. They fought years back not to allow the building, but they lost the argument. At any rate, Trumbull has a dilemma, because the sewage treatment plant is at capacity and they asked to hook into the east side sewage treatment plant. So they met with the city attorney, Council member Paoletto, the Town of Trumbull and Mutual Housing to work out a remedy. And Mutual Housing agreed to allow a \$20,000 impact fee to go towards remedying the caved in walls on the upper east side, so that's why the matter was before them today.

Attorney Howlett made it clear that they were approving the proposed amendment to the agreement, clarifying that the condition for approval was to add the \$20,000 impact fee as an existing agreement to the Town of Trumbull. It was further stated that the money was available and Mutual Housing has agreed to pay it.

Council member Curwen clarified that the \$20k will not go to any council member; it's to repair the culverts on the upper east side. Attorney Howlett added that the money will be payable to the City of Bridgeport.

Council member Baker asked if every time Trumbull has to tap into the system, would an amendment be required. Attorney Howlett said no, they have a cap. They only needed the amendment because of the agreement between the municipalities. She clarified they were not giving the orders to a federal agency.

Council member Pivrotto asked if the \$20k would cover the restoration of the culverts. Council member Curwen said it would help because they need to build up the walls. It was mentioned that the property Mutual Housing was building on was owned by the State of Connecticut and it would only be used for this project.

Council member Lyons asked how the funds would be submitted. Attorney Howlett stated that a check would be submitted to Mr. Sherwood with the clear intention that it is to be dedicated to this project.

** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE ELIMINATION OF ANY
REFERENCE TO THE RESOLUTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN AND TO
ADDRESS THE APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE
AGREEMENT DATED JULY 1, 1997 BETWEEN THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL
AGENCY (WPCA) AND THE TOWN OF TRUMBULL

** PIVIROTTI SECONDED

** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO THE AGREEMENT DATED JULY 1, 1997 BETWEEN THE WATER POLLUTION
CONTROL AGENCY (WPCA) AND THE TOWN OF TRUMBULL CONDITIONED UPON
THE PAYMENT OF AN IMPACT FEE OF \$20,000.00 FROM THE TOWN OF
TRUMBULL, WITH THE FEE PAYABLE TO THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT AND
DELIVERED TO THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED

** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Consent calendar

185-05 Reappointment of Wendy J. Bridgeforth (D) to the Police Commission

Ms. Bridgeforth approached the committee. She offered some background of what she does on the police commission. She relayed that it has been a worthwhile experience, noting that she hears citizen's complaints and addresses discipline matters. She also helps set up the blue book policies. She further spoke about the need to promote better relations with the community, pointing out there was still a lot of animosity. She expressed that she would take part in the community walks. Overall, she stated that she puts in a 100% effort.

Council member Valle asked the number of years she has served on the commission. Ms. Bridgeforth said this would be her fifth term.

Council member Lyons asked about her attendance record. Ms. Bridgeforth explained that she attended college and she cleared the time needed with her superior. However, she will be finished in September and her attendance at meetings will improve at that time.

Attorney Howlett stated there were never any issues with quorums in the past due to Ms. Bridgeforth's absence from meetings, noting that the commission worked around her schedule. She further pointed out that Ms. Bridgeforth has been vital to commission business. She further clarified that her record has reflected an absence of only one meeting, but this was not indicative of her overall attendance.

Council member Baker commented that he knew Ms. Bridgeforth from his district and that she was a fair person.

** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO APPROVE REAPPOINTMENT OF WENDY J. BRIDGEFORTH (D) TO THE POLICE COMMISSION
** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
* Consent calendar

211-05 Street Abandonment for portions of Hazel Street, University Avenue & Lafayette Street for the purpose to construct a regulation international-sized soccer stadium

Attorney Howlett explained this item involved a street abandonment. The request was for a revised application from the city, noting this was not a joint request from the University of Bridgeport. She stated that the July 17, 2006 version should be referred to and a condition placed *as outlined below*.

Mr. Nidoh stated this was a request to abandon portions of Hazel Street, University Avenue & Lafayette Street. He pointed out the properties that UB owned on the map. He explained this request was strictly for the abandonment's and not a request for construction of the soccer stadium; although he briefly gave some details about the soccer stadium.

It was stated that there was a commitment from UB that the city will have access to the facility.

Council member Valle asked what effect this project would have on the homeowner. Attorney Howlett said the abandonment will stop before it affects the homeowner's property.

Council member Baker asked if the project received P&Z Commission approval yet. Attorney Howlett stated they only went for the portion regarding the street abandonment's. Mr. Nidoh added that the traffic engineer approved the request so far.

Council member Pivrotto asked about the surface of the soccer field. It was stated that there will be a surface that's better than grass. And in terms of drainage, there will be a self draining mechanism that will be 5 or 6" under the turf. The turf is made up of plastic grass with infill of sand and rubber pellets, but it's not the typical astro-turf. It's similar to what Sacred Heart University has on their field.

Mr. Lysak stated that the project was strongly supported, noting that the current fields were overused. He said they have more kids than the fields can accommodate. Overall they felt it would be a great addition, to make the field available to leagues and beneficial to the kids that will play there. Mr. Nidoh noted the field will also be used at night.

Attorney Howlett reviewed the terms that were agreed upon as follows: *(she clarified this was **not** an easement the city council was granting, but that it was an easement the city council was getting).*

1. The easement is guaranteed for the use of the facility by the public during the day and evening, at a minimum of 15 hours per week determined by the Parks Department and the University of Bridgeport
2. The format of the easement will be accepted by the city attorney's office and recorded on the land record
3. A schedule will be devised for the use of the facility determined on an annual basis by the Parks Department and the University of Bridgeport
4. A reasonable fee will be paid by the city established on an annual basis for the nighttime use of the facility when the lights are needed. The fee is not to exceed the actual cost of the electricity as billed by the electric company

It was further stated that during UB's playing season there may be limited use. But the total hours will average out at fifteen (15) hours per week.

Council member Valle noted that the soccer team used Seaside Park now. She questioned how be allowed 15-hours average would work out. Attorney Howlett explained the city gets the additional 15 hours to add to what they already have. This won't affect what occurs at Seaside Park now and they are not reducing the field time at Seaside Park.

Attorney Howlett stated that the electric rates were set by United Illuminating according to the state standard. So whatever time the lights were on, will be what's paid.

Council member Colon asked when once the soccer field was built, will incoming traffic increase. Mr. Nidoh agreed there would be more events and probably more traffic, but he pointed out traffic exists on daily basis now, so they really won't be increasing it.

Council member Pivrotto commented that Attorney Howlett did a nice job working on this project. And she noted that UB was always cooperative in their discussions, expressing that it was good to see them become involved in the community.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTO MOVED TO APPROVE WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:**

- 1. THE EASEMENT IS GUARANTEED FOR THE USE OF THE FACILITY BY THE PUBLIC DURING THE DAY AND EVENING, AT A MINIMUM OF 15 HOURS PER WEEK DETERMINED BY THE PARKS DEPARTMENT AND THE UNIVERSITY OF BRIDGEPORT**
- 2. THE FORMAT OF THE EASEMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND RECORDED ON THE LAND RECORD**
- 3. A SCHEDULE WILL BE DEVISED FOR THE USE OF THE FACILITY DETERMINED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS BY THE PARKS DEPARTMENT AND THE UNIVERSITY OF BRIDGEPORT**
- 4. A REASONABLE FEE WILL BE PAID BY THE CITY ESTABLISHED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS FOR THE NIGHTTIME USE OF THE FACILITY WHEN THE LIGHTS ARE**

NEEDED. THE FEE IS NOT TO EXCEED THE ACTUAL COST OF THE ELECTRICITY
AS BILLED BY THE ELECTRIC COMPANY
** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
* Consent calendar

220-05 Permit Application for Driveway in excess of 20 feet; 729 Union Avenue

Attorney Howlett stated this item was submitted as a requirement of the ordinance. Mr. Skinner recommended granting a permit under the ordinance. The request was for a permit from the Public Facilities Department for the installation of a driveway. She said she would submit the memo to the city clerk's office with the request.

Mr. Lysak displayed the plans and said it was a simple request for two curb cuts along Union Avenue that will affect the drop off area to allow cars to pull in and back out. There will also be the operation of a loading space for trucks to back up and use the two overhead doors. He noted this project involved the construction for the new church.

Council member Baker asked about the driveway and loading dock. Mr. Lysak approached him to explain the plans further. He stated that parking agreements had been secured in the neighborhood and the request was approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Council member Baker questioned whether there was sufficient parking. Mr. Lysak said he wasn't the architect on the project, but as far as he knew, the project was approved by ZBA.

Attorney Howlett clarified this item involved the permit for the driveway only, noting the parking situation was up to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Council member Pivrotto asked if this matter pertained to the width of the driveway. Attorney Howlett said yes.

Attorney Howlett explained the process that the matter had to come before this committee, before it went before the P&Z Commission.

Council member Valle asked if the request had to go before the full city council. Attorney Howlett said yes.

There was some further discussion regarding the width of the driveway.

Council member Lyons asked if the driveway was a safety issue. Attorney Howlett said yes, because it currently encroaches on the right of way.

Mr. Lysak pointed out on the plan, the areas where they were making the curb cuts wider on Union Avenue. He noted that the Director of Public Facilities and the City Engineer approved the plans and there were no concerns.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTA MOVED TO APPROVE BASED ON BARRY SKINNER'S RECOMMENDATION PER THE LETTER SUBMITTED TO THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

There was no second to the motion.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO TABLE THE MATTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE PARKING ARRANGMENTS**

Mr. Lysak presented copies of two (2) off-site parking agreements.

Council member Pivirotto withdrew her original motion.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTA SECONDED COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER'S MOTION TO TABLE**

Attorney Howlett said she would get their questions answered and obtain a formal opinion from the Traffic Engineer (Mr. Mortessa) .

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

ADJOURNED

**** COMMISSIONER LYONS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN
** COMMISSIONER COLON SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services

City of Bridgeport
Public Safety & Transportation
Committee of the City Council
August 1, 2006
Page 9 of 9

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY and TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
of the CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 6, 2006

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Holloway, Valle, Colon, Pivrotto, Lyons, Baker
OTHER Council member: Silva

ABSENT: Council members: Blunt

OTHER(s): Mortessa Hayatgheybi; City Traffic Engineer, Kelly McDermott; Central Grants Office, Richard McQue; OPED, Phil Tiso; Rose Tiso & Company

I. CALL TO ORDER

Council member Holloway called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes July 5, 2006 & July 26, 2006 (Special Meeting)

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Approval of Minutes August 1, 2006

Corrections

Page 5; the 2nd motion from the top should read: **** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT DATED JULY 1, 1997 BETWEEN THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY (WPCA) AND THE TOWN OF TRUMBULL, CONDITIONED UPON THE PAYMENT OF AN IMPACT FEE OF \$20,000.00 FROM THE TOWN OF TRUMBULL, WITH THE FEE PAYABLE TO THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT AND DELIVERED TO THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY AND SUBMITTED TO MR. SHERWOOD FOR THE DEDICATION TO THE CULVERT PROJECT**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

163-05(S) Amendment to Resolution #163-05 for the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation, Emergency Vehicle Pre-emption System Equipment for installing the OptiComm System From: "Route 1 at York Street" To: Route 127 at York Street".

Ms. McDermott stated this item involved an amendment to the resolution. It was previously approved to place OptiComm systems at three different locations in Bridgeport to switch the signals from red to green, to allow for a quick fire department response (*she referenced and read line 3 of the resolution*) and indicated that the routes had been changed.

Council member Valle asked if Goddard Street and Brooks Street were the correct streets as they were outlined in the resolution. Ms. McDermott said the city attorney approved the contract. She said she didn't think the names of the streets posed a big difference. Mr. Hayatgheybi agreed the names of the streets didn't make a difference, because the locations were designed to have pre-empted equipment.

It pointed out that Brooks Street led to Boston Ave; Goddard Street led to Boston Avenue and there was the green in between. And Route 1 intersected at both streets as it was outlined in the contract.

Attorney Howlett stated that the resolution should read properly with the correct streets indicated, before it went before the full city council.

Council member Holloway asked if the amendment could be faxed to Mr. Hayatgheybi's office. Ms. McDermott said the city clerk had the correct version of the resolution in her office.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTO MOVED TO APPROVE THE AMENDED RESOLUTION DENOTING THE CORRECT STREETS**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

185-05 Reappointment of Wendy J. Bridgeforth (D) to the Police Commission.

Council member Holloway recalled that this item was previously before the committee, but it was tabled due to some questions regarding her absenteeism. So she was present tonight to address those questions.

Council member Piviroto stated that the reason the item was tabled was not because of Ms. Bridgeforth's absenteeism record, but due to questions about the make-up of the Police Commission and not having the proper division of Democrats and Republicans.

Council member Holloway stated the Mayor was responsible for the appointments. He pointed out that if someone on the Police Commission should happen to change party affiliation, then the committee had no control over that.

Council member Valle said the matter was approved in committee and then it went on to the full city council. But there was a concern about Ms. Bridgeforth's absences. So because of the controversy over this, they thought it was a good idea to have her come in and explain the situation.

Ms. Bridgeforth expressed that she realized there were questions regarding her absenteeism when she served last term. She explained that her mother was very ill, but the board of commissioners and former Chief Kanasky were aware of the issue. She further expressed that her mother being ill took up a lot of time both emotionally and physically, but she kept up to date with the Police Commission and what was going on. She added that since that time, her absenteeism has greatly improved.

Attorney Howlett stated that she was informed Ms. Bridgeforth attended the special meetings involving disciplinary actions, noting those meetings were more paramount than the regular meetings. She said that although she may have missed a couple regular meetings, she did attend the special meetings. She added that she recalled a February 2005 announcement by former Chief Kanasky regarding the illness of Ms. Bridgeforth's mother's illness and the excuse was accepted.

Council member Lyons said there was also a concern about the absences of others that served on the Police Commission Board. Council member Holloway thought mention of that concern might have been hearsay and therefore irrelevant.

Council member Pivrotto asked how people were assigned to the Police Commission Board. Attorney Howlett explained assignments consisted of a mixed panel, noting it was difficult to decide whether those that were assigned were the appropriate choices. But there is a minimum of four (4) commissioners on each panel and they have to have a quorum of seven (7) people, but they want a mix.

Council member Lyons asked how long the appointments lasted. Attorney Howlett said they lasted two years, but the terms stagger.

Council member Lyons asked if the person that served is reviewed for reappointment when their term is up. Council member Holloway said that was up to the Mayor, noting the city council didn't have any say in that matter as far as an appointment or reappointment.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE MOVED TO APPROVE**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTO SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

220-05 Permit Application for Driveway in excess of 20 feet; 729 Union Avenue.

Mr. Phil Tiso approached. He said he was the project consultant for Prayer Tabernacle Church and they were seeking approval for a number of curb cuts greater than the standard size of 20 feet. He gave some

background information about the project and stated that Prayer Tabernacle was currently located on Stratford Avenue, noting they were growing and expanding. They purchased property on Union and Central avenues that are close to the current church that has an existing building on site, as well as other buildings connected that have been demolished. He pointed out a portion of the building that remains. He explained that what was planned was approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals where they received variances and waivers. So they were looking to maintain the existing building and add on a 1,000 seat cathedral and a school wing. It expressed that it was an ambitious project, but in order to accomplish their goals, the building takes up almost the entire property. However, there is a question of parking, and per the site plan, they were seeking a curb cut for the driveway as a drop off area and exit, there is also a large curb cut on Central Avenue where they will provide handicap parking. He pointed out the entrances to the school and cathedral.

Mr. Tiso went on to say there was one issue that had to do with parking. And what was proposed and approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission is that the church has eighteen (18) parking spaces. They have an agreement with Moore Tool that they can accommodate (161) cars. And they also have an agreement with Blackhorse Auto Restoration located across the street where they can accommodate another (88) spaces. According to the zoning requirements, the required number of spaces is (340), but if they add up the lots, they have (273) spaces; the current church location has (51) spaces and the lot across the street has (21) spaces. So if they added them all up, that puts them over the required amount of approximately ten (10) spaces. He further explained that the church owned two vans and a bus, because they need the means to move people back and forth to the lots.

Mr. Tiso said they were seeking wider curb cuts, but due to the shape of the building and the limit of 20 feet, this will make it difficult to drop people off. He indicated the portion of the building where there was a loading dock and dumpster pad, noting the dumpster will have to drive down Central Avenue and go up the street, but there is no way to make the curb cut shorter.

Council member Colon stated she had a concern about the parking. She pointed out there were a lot of residents that lived in that area. Reverend Moales Jr. replied that there were only four houses nearby. Council member Holloway corrected that there were actually six houses, two houses on the south side of Union Avenue and four houses on the north side.

Attorney Howlett clarified that the issue of parking was not before the committee. Council member Colon said she understood that, but she still had a concern about the constituents. Reverend Moales Jr. said the constituents included the new church into the master plan for development and all the residents in the area were notified and expressed excitement about the project.

Council member Baker said he had a concern about the driveway. He noted that when you pull up there are two handicap spaces. He questioned if there would be enough room for a car to pass. Mr. Tiso said there was an 18 ft. drive and sidewalk, so for anyone parking, they can get out on the sidewalk.

Council member Baker questioned if someone was dropped off in front and another person on the side, would another car be able to get by. Mr. Tiso said yes technically, if the other car was willing to wait.

Council member Baker said he had a concern about emergency vehicles. Mr. Tiso said there shouldn't be a problem accommodating them.

Attorney Howlett gave the example that the distance from the street to the door was shorter than that at City Hall coming in. Mr. Tiso agreed with that comment and he reiterated there shouldn't be an issue for an emergency vehicle.

Council member Lyons asked about broadening the other area and if there will be two entrances to the building. Mr. Tiso explained they needed room for three (3) more handicap spaces, but there is a door leading into the sanctuary. He explained that the curb cut was wide enough to allow handicap vehicles, trucks, dumpsters and fire trucks to maneuver without any problems.

Council member Lyons asked if someone would be there to control the flow of traffic. Reverend Moales Jr. said yes, they will have uniformed security to do that.

Council member Silva questioned whether Central Avenue was wide enough for delivery trucks and dumpsters. He pointed out that street was already heavily traveled. He also asked why they didn't consider having the main entrance on Central Avenue. Reverend Moales Jr. said it was because of the fire department being located on Central Avenue. He pointed out that Union Avenue was a lot less traveled.

Council member Silva asked how big the entrance was. Mr. Tiso said it was 97 feet long, noting that currently there were two existing curb cuts that measured up to 83 feet each. Reverend Moales added that they would have big truck deliveries.

Council member Holloway expressed that although there may be big truck deliveries, the proposal called for the construction of a church. He made the point that people aren't expecting commercial type deliveries. Reverend Moales said the proposal was presented more to be a multi-plex.

Council member Holloway asked if there was any provision to install crosswalks. Reverend Moales Jr. said they had to obtain a certificate of occupancy for 1065 Central Avenue. And if it was approved, there will be a light installed and a crosswalk. Council member Holloway clarified he was asking about crosswalks being installed for the parking lots planned on Union Avenue. Reverend Moales Jr. said they could address that if it was required. Council member Holloway stated they needed to submit that request in writing to the Police Board of Commissioners, to find out the direct dimensions for the pedestrian crosswalk.

Mr. Hayatgheybi asked who would be responsible for paying for the construction of the crosswalk. Council member Holloway said the applicant would.

Attorney Howlett stated she had to revise the ordinance, because it shouldn't mention the word variance. She also noted the committee needed to approve the permit application.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTI MOVED TO APPROVE THE PERMIT APPLICATION BASED UPON THE DRAWINGS SUBMITTED FOR THE DRIVEWAYS LOCATED ON UNION AVENUE AND CENTRAL AVENUE**

City of Bridgeport
Public Safety & Transportation
Committee of the City Council
September 6, 2006
Page 5 of 10

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

Council member Pivrotto extended the best of luck to the applicant and congratulations. She commented that she hoped the project was successful.

224-05 Proposed "Detour" Agreement between the State of Connecticut and the City of Bridgeport for the Replacement of the Metro-North Railroad Bridge over Fairfield Avenue (State Route 130)' – State Project: 15-296/301-070.

Mr. Hayatgheybi referred to the agreement he had. He said he was seeking approval for an agreement between the State of Connecticut and the City of Bridgeport to use the local roadways to detour traffic for the project planned.

Council member Holloway asked where the trucks would detour. Mr. Hayatgheybi said they would detour to Pine Street and Wordin Avenue where there is clearance.

Council member Pivrotto asked how long the project would take to be completed. Mr. Hayatgheybi said he wasn't sure, but he said he could find out. He speculated it might be up to 1 ½ years, noting they would work on alternate sides of the road as needed.

Council member Colon asked if the work would occur during the day. Mr. Hayatgheybi said depending on the use, but some activity may be at night. Council member Colon pointed out it was busy and congested during the day. Mr. Hayatgheybi said that during the day, they would provide sufficient routes to accommodate the detour, but there will be some initial inconvenience.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE MOVED TO APPROVE**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

254-05 Grant Application with the US Department of Justice, COPS Secure our Schools 2006 Program.

Ms. McDermott said her office was working on this application with the Board of Education, the Office of School Security and Lieutenant Daniels. An application has been submitted to the U.S. Department of Justice Police Office to secure a grant to target Bridgeport to do a number of things; such as camera upgrades in the schools districts. They will also purchase two new radios for each school and replace the security doors at the three

City of Bridgeport
Public Safety & Transportation
Committee of the City Council
September 6, 2006
Page 6 of 10

high schools. They will also purchase three (3) portable metal detectors that will be used for after school activities, for events where there will be a lot of people present. They applied for funding in the amount of \$559k and they will prove a 50% match. The match comes from the existing work the BOE is doing for security enhancements. The BOE approved the project and it's scheduled to begin in February 2007.

Attorney Howlett clarified that they were only submitting the application.

Council member Holloway commented that he was an advocate of grant money coming in.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON MOVED TO APPROVE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTO MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD ITEM 266-05 TO THE AGENDA**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

266-05

Mr. Richard McQue, OPED stated this item involved 1558 Barnum Avenue. The person putting the project together is looking to exceed the driveway beyond 20 feet to 25 feet onto Barnum Avenue and open up to the area he indicated on the map. He pointed out that the area is currently an illegal junk yard and it has taken seven years to work on this project. He mentioned that the owner will take a loan for \$1.3 million from the EPA to do the project and he's looking to complete it November. He said that although there were still some zoning issues to address at the October meeting, they will be before the ZBA on September 12 to discuss the WPCA issue.

Attorney Howlett asked if the city owned the property. Mr. McQue said yes, the property will be transferred with an LDA agreement.

Council member Holloway stated there was a 4-year old streetscape in the area from Central Avenue to the town line. Mr. McQue said they already developed the industrial part. Council member Holloway clarified that they needed to comply with the regulation of installing granite curbing and relocating the pole. Also the briquettes for the sidewalk will need to be replaced. Mr. McQue said he understood that.

Council member Lyons asked what the reason for the resolution was. Attorney Howlett said the resolution was incorrect. She asked Mr. McQue to be concise about the reason for the drive being wider than 20 feet. Mr. McQue said the purpose was for a light industrial condominiums project that will require trucks coming in and out.

Council member Valle questioned who submitted the resolution. Attorney Howlett said someone in the OPED office did. She pointed out this was a permit application and they needed to list the conditions as part of the approval.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE MOVED TO APPROVE THE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR THE DRIVEWAY IN EXCESS OF 20 FEET THAT MUST BE BUILT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLANS**

Attorney Howlett reviewed the conditions that should be applied:

1. Replacement in-kind of the poles, sidewalks, streetscape, underground cables and curbing
2. Confirmation that there shall be no conflict with the installation of 345 KV electrical lines by Northeast Utilities and United Illuminating

**** COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY MOVED TO SEND THE ITEM BACK TO OPED FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFERRING WITH UNITED ILLUMINATING REGARDING THE KV LINES**

Council member Valle stated that this matter was time sensitive and she was reluctant to hold it up.

Attorney Howlett said in that case, they should add that they have to notify and confirm with Northeast Utilities and United Illuminating that the project won't interfere with installation of the 345 kV lines.

Mr. Hayatgheybi questioned what the relationship was between the 345 kV lines and the establishment of the driveway. Attorney Howlett responded there was a concern about the installation of the cable required for the access of the public right-of-way.

Council member Holloway withdrew his motion.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO APPROVE BASED ON THE CONDITIONS THAT:**

1. THERE BE REPLACEMENT IN-KIND OF THE POLES, SIDEWALKS, STREETSCAPE, UNDERGROUND CABLES AND CURBING
2. THERE SHOULD BE CONFIRMATION THAT THERE IS NO CONFLICT WITH THE INSTALLATION OF 345 KV ELECTRICAL LINES BY NORTHEAST UTILITIES AND UNITED ILLUMINATING

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED WITH FOUR VOTES IN FAVOR AND ONE VOTE IN OPPOSITION (COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTI)**

Council member Valle stated this **Agreement between the State of Connecticut and the City of Bridgeport for the Construction, Inspection, and Maintenance for Traffic Signal Modernization and Emergency Vehicle Pre-Emption System Equipment Installation at Various Locations, Utilizing Federal Funds Under the Urban Component of the Surface Transportation Program State Project No.15-311** was referred to this committee during the city council meeting held on September 5, 2006.

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTA MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO THE ADD THE ITEM TO THE AGENDA**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Hayatgheybi explained that the agreement involved the construction of seventeen (17) intersections to allow for the installation of traffic signals. He further explained that the Mayor previously had the authority to sign off on the agreements, but there was now a new ruling that if the resolution was more than one –year old, the state won't accept it; so the Mayor's authorization was needed to sign the contract. The amount was \$4.8 million and the city's share is 0.51% at \$26,500.00

Attorney Howlett asked about the correct number of intersections involved. Mr. Hayatgheybi said this project included (17) intersections –*he referred to page 7 of the document distributed*. Attorney Howlett pointed out that three (3) intersections weren't outlined in the document, there were only (14) intersections indicated. Council member Holloway stated Mr. Hayatgheybi needed to submit the other three (3) intersections as attachment to Attorney Howlett's legal opinion. He clarified that it must be submitted to her office by Thursday morning September 7. Mr. Hayatgheybi acknowledged he would do that.

Mr. Piesner, who was present at the meeting, asked why it took so long to assemble the project. Mr. Hayatgheybi said it was because the document was prepared by the state and the design was only finished in July.

Council member Silva asked if this was a project funded by a grant. Attorney Howlett said no, it was federally funded by the state. She repeated the matter came back to the committee because the prior contract expired.

Council member Holloway expressed that he worked closely with Mr. Hayatgheybi and he felt that once the projects began, there will be a big improvement.

Council member Colon stated a concern about East Main Street and Maple Street. She noted there were numerous accidents in the area where the health center was. She asked if a light could go in at that corner. Attorney Howlett said she would need to send a request to the Board of Police Commissioners.

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED T APPROVE BASED ON THE SUBMITTAL OF THE ENTIRE SEVENTEEN (17) INTERSECTIONS THAT MUSTH BE ATTACHED TO THE AGREEMENT. THE INFORMATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO ASSOCIATE CITY ATTORNEY HOWLETT'S OFFICE BY THURDAY MORNING SEPTEMBER 7, 2006**
 - ** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE SECONDED**
 - ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
- *Consent calendar

ADJOURNED

** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN
** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 2006**

ATTENDANCE: Maria Valle, Co-chair; Letitia Colon, Elaine Pivirotto, Andre Baker,

Michelle Lyons

OTHERS: Kelly McDermott, Central Grants

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Valle called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. There was a quorum present.

Approval of Committee Minutes of September 6, 2006

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2006.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTI SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

259-05 Grant Application with the US Department of Homeland Security, FY2006 Infrastructure Protection Program (Port Security Grant).

Ms. McDermott introduced herself to the Committee and gave a brief overview of this grant. She informed the Committee that due to time constraints the application had already been submitted and accepted. The amount of \$24,968.00 has already been awarded to the City. These funds are earmarked for the purchase of 6 dry suits, 5 full face masks, 5 mask lights, 12 strobe lights and one underwater camera for use by the Bridgeport Police Dive Team.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTI MOVED TO APPROVE 259-05 GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE US DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, FY2006 INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION PROGRAM (PORT SECURITY GRANT).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

265-05 Grant Application with the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation, FY2007 Advanced Traffic Accident Investigation Project.

Ms. McDermott presented this grant application which will provide the City with computer software that will map out the top 25 locations prone to accident and then allow for analysis of traffic flow patterns, possible reconfiguration of the area and changes to decrease the number of accidents. The grant would be for \$31,500, of which \$7,100 would be designed for staff training and the remaining amount would be for the purchase of equipment. The City is not required to match any funds for this project. Following the year long project, the City would keep the software and could continue to use it until an updated version is released.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTI MOVED TO APPROVE 265-05 GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FY2007 ADVANCED TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION PROJECT.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER COLON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2006
6:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: COUNCIL MEMBERS: HOLLOWAY, VALLE,
PIVIROTTI, BAKER

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: COLON, LYONS, BLUNT

OTHER(s) PRESENT: KELLY McDERMOTT; CENTRAL GRANTS,
COUNCIL MEMBER MULLIGAN

Council member Holloway called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Approval of Committee Minutes of October 3, 2006

-Tabled until the next scheduled meeting -

283-05 Grant Application with the US Department of Homeland Security, Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP) to receive direct assistance to acquire CounterMeasure Risk Analysis Software

Ms. McDermott, Central Grants approached. She stated this item pertained to a grant application to the US Department of Homeland Security. It involves a software application for equipment. She explained that this year, the grant is for CounterMeasure Risk Analysis Software that is a tool to be used by the Fire and Police Departments to conduct routine assessments, such as for fuel storage tanks. The software will allow them to enter data into the database system and track the data electronically for easier emergency access. It will also gauge what a facility is about. She noted it has the capacity to gauge approximately 100 facilities, where they can access information easier on the scene. It will also allow them to plan in the event of an emergency and create a response plan before hand. She further noted there were no matching funds and the city will receive the equipment for one year. They will test it to assure that it's meeting the needs of both departments.

Council member Holloway stated it sounded like a good system, especially if there was no city match.

Ms. McDermott noted the city has eighteen (18) fuel storage tanks.

Council member Holloway asked if the companies paid anything toward the system. Ms. McDermott said they maintained their own security assessments, but the city will also be required to do it now.

Council member Pivrotto asked if the facilities had security systems in place at their sites. Ms. McDermott said she was sure they do to maintain their own protection.

Council member Valle asked if the equipment would be provided for one year. Ms. McDermott said yes. She explained the departments would receive the hand-held PDA device for free and the software for one year and if they decide they like the system, they can keep the device, but they need to pay a licensing fee of \$200.00. If they want to keep the complete system; they have the option of doing that also.

Council member Holloway recapped that the request was just to initiate the program for one year. Ms. McDermott replied yes.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER MOVED TO APPROVE**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLE SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

304-05 Grant Application with the State US Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (FY06 Homeland Security Funding)

Ms. McDermott stated this was a grant application to the State US Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. She explained there was a shift in funding, noting that previously, the city received an allocation for homeland security. But what's different now is that instead of the state monitoring it, the City of Bridgeport will manage the funding. So the application is for them to receive an allocation of money as outlined:

- o \$36,861 >in funding
- o \$37,559 >for Homeland Security Fund for multi-emergency use
- o \$99,302 > for law enforcement terrorism prevention for the Police Department

She further explained the program entails reversing the 911 security system and municipal security programs. They will pay for two systems and the Fire Department will secure their own system as well. This will be done by a controlled entry access that will still be accessible by the public, but with a sign in system that will act as a precaution to handle any incidents. She went on to say that there will also be law enforcement prevention funds granted. This will be a link between the Police Department and the Port Authority where they will have

cameras along the harbor. This is due to the 1 million people that traveling and over 400 cars on the ferry. She noted that the Police Department was blind to what was going on along the harbor, so in case of an event, they can see what's happening and remotely access the cameras when they are traveling to a scene. There will also be a security system on Congress Street where the new fleet of vehicles will be parked. They need protection for them to avoid theft and vandalism. She pointed out these items are both covered by the \$99k.

Council member Holloway emphasized and reminded Ms. McDermott that Central Grants should be mindful of submitting proposals on time. He said this would eliminate delays and issues arising among the city council when a matter comes before them. He asked Ms. McDermott to be aware of time sensitive proposals. Ms. McDermott acknowledged the importance of the statement.

Council member Holloway reiterated the importance of proposals being submitted on time. Ms. McDermott clarified that there were times that her office doesn't receive requests in a timely manner, such as the request on the agenda tonight. She pointed out that the city would miss out on dollars coming in if they weren't brought forward.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VALLED MOVED TO APPROVE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

*Council member noted for the record that Council member Lyons was unable to attend the meeting due to illness.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PIVIROTTA MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BAKER SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services